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## Acting as One

### Introducing the Common Acquisition Platform (CAP)

Work is underway to create a common acquisition platform: a new view of the fragmented federal acquisition landscape that will drive the government to act as one acquisition community. GSA, whose singular mission it is to deliver the best value in acquisitions to government and the American people, is leading the initiative.

This drive towards unity begins with category management.

**Category management** brings together expertise from industry and government grouped by product or service to give all government buyers a more holistic view of the landscape. When this happens, it will lead to:


- Data-driven decisions
- Better purchasing options
- Taxpayer savings


Part of this work is to create a portal for acquisition expertise and services. We call this the **acquisition gateway**. It sounds like a website, and it has a web address, but when it is completed it will be so much more than that. Our vision is that the gateway will become the workplace for acquisition professionals or any government buyer with purchase requirements. Over time, it will include robust acquisition tools and services.

For now, think of the gateway as the starting point that puts all acquisition categories in one place for easier navigation of purchasing options. The keywords are “all” and “one.” When all categories, not just those managed by GSA, are put in one place with other sources used by the 500 different departments and agencies making purchases, our governmentwide acquisition community can:

- Reduce contract duplication
- Make smarter decisions
- Reduce price variability

Today, the gateway is the connection to category **hallways**. Each category will have its own hallway. A hallway is a virtual corridor inside the gateway.

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As a government buyer, you will “walk” down a hallway to find acquisition sources that governmentwide category managers have determined would help you procure products and services in that category along with advice, market intelligence and:

- Subject expertise and data
- Category-specific tools
- On-demand procurement assistance

This is a massive project. It will not happen overnight and it cannot happen without your input as a government acquisition professional.

We have already started to build it, and we need your help. It's time to act as one.

Hallways **NOW OPEN:**

- Administrative Support
- Education & Training
- IT Hardware
- IT Software
- Professional Services
- Small Package Delivery

Take a “walk” down one of the hallways: Explore now: <https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov>  
Learn more about CAP and category management: See the Power of Acting as One: [www.tinyurl.com/actingasone](http://www.tinyurl.com/actingasone)

The Acquisition Gateway is only the start of the vision for the common acquisition platform. Future services include:

### **Analytics as a Service (AaaS)**

Analytics as a Service (AaaS) will empower the customer to make the informed purchases for their organization and fully utilize the broad spectrum of tools, data sources, methods, and subject matter expertise that CAP will provide. It will leverage acquisition expertise, interagency perspective and skills, and buying power to procure analytics solutions. This will consolidate current disparate procurement structures and approaches into one government-wide resource and thereby support a government-wide shared platform.

### **TurboFAR<sup>SM</sup>**

**TurboFAR<sup>SM</sup>** will provide the expert decision support, prescriptive analytics, and acquisition life cycle process management to help acquisition practitioners to navigate the Federal Acquisition Regulation just as TurboTax<sup>®</sup> has done for taxpayers working through complex tax regulations.

**TurboFAR<sup>SM</sup>**, in conjunction with federal-wide category managers, will support communities to share good practices, converge on federal-wide requirements, manage role-based contracting processes, and make pricing, terms and conditions at contract and transactional levels available to acquisition professionals. **TurboFAR<sup>SM</sup>** is also designed to provide a confidence level to enable long term sustainable decision making and improve federal acquisition outcomes.

